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Employee Recognitions

Each year we recognize those employees that have been working for PJS for 10 years or over. This year eight of our employees were honored with an award of service, two of which reached the 15 year mark. The 2014 coveted Employee of the Year award was giving to Project Manager Maria Hernandez. Maria is an exceptional employee overseeing more than 15 accounts. Maria was quite surprised and taken back by the award.



It is because of our outstanding employees working out in the field

PJS Holiday Party is a Huge Success

It was that time of year again when we welcomed more than 450 in attendance to our annual Holiday Party. In appreciation for all the hard work our employees do throughout the year and



with great anticipation, PJS employees and their guests enjoyed a night that was dedicated just to them. The festivities started off with a Mariachi band playing during dinner. We also held our annual recognition ceremony which was started off by Brent Southwell who gave his end of the year speech of thanks in Spanish. Brent is



actually quite good at Spanish, which is appreciated by everyone but especially by our employees whose mother tongue is Spanish.

It is a PJS holiday party tradition to give away prizes to employees in attendance, by means of raffles and games like musical chairs, which is a favorite of our employees. Not only do the participants have a great time playing musical chairs but the spectators have a fun time watching who is getting out next. Way to go to our supervisor, Angeles Rangel! She was the female 'musical chair' grand prize winner. Juan Gomez, was the male 'musical chair' grand prize winner. Throughout the night PJS raffled away many other prizes like Laptops, Apple

that make our company what it is today. We truly appreciate all our amazing PJS family.

At this year's Holiday party the following employees were recognized for their years of dedication to PJS:

15 Year

Santos Zelaya
Isabel Trejo

10 Year

María Del Rosario Valdez
Jesus Diaz
Jose M Menjivar
Martiza Peña
Evelyn Huevo
Maria Lizardi

Each employee was given a financial gift and certificate thanking them for their service. We appreciate you all!

Update on PJS pups



Red Collar Rescue is finding homes for Sophie and Pebble

Shortly after our last newsletter, Sophie, who had puppies under our office deck, brought home a new friend, Pebble. She was very shy but soon warmed up to many at the office. We worried about both dogs living on the street so we called in our friend, Charlotte, the founder of Red Collar Rescue. She coaxed both dogs into her car and then brought them to one of the vet clinics that regularly help her out. Both dogs now

iPads, Digital Cameras, PlayStations, an Xbox and multiple big screen TV's just to name just a few of the prizes. The night's overall grand prize winner was route supervisor Olga Saenz taking home a 55" LED TV. We know these gifts & prizes are much appreciated by our employees and their families.



We would like to thank everyone that had a hand in planning, organizing, and hosting this special event, thereby helping make our Holiday party a big success! Thanks to those folks a great time was had by all!

PJS supports Elves and More Bicycle Program



Elves & More is dedicated to "changing lives-one bike at a time!" They focus on at-risk children living in Greater Houston, an eight-county area in which 330,000 children live in poverty. PJS is proud to have helped sponsor this program since its inception in 2003.

A few years ago, they made an important discovery. They learned that by giving bicycles to impoverished children we could dramatically change their lives by helping them stay in school and out of trouble while improving their health.

First, working with school administrators, bicycles are used as incentives for children to achieve.

- To earn a bicycle, a child must first enter into a contract with his or her teacher or school.
- That contract requires each child to meet at least one of five criteria: 1) attend school regularly, and be on time, 2) behave well in class, 3) attend tutoring classes or Saturday school where necessary, 4) improve their grades in one or more areas or 5) whatever else the teacher believes a particular child needs to improve upon.

have all their shots, have been "fixed" and are available for adoption. Please contact Red Collar Rescue for more information.

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- The specific target area and level of performance required by each child is established by the teacher or school counselor, agreed upon by the student, and approved by the child's parent(s).
- Once the teacher determines that a child has met the terms of the Contract, the child is rewarded with a new bicycle.

For more information and how you can help please see the link to their website under "Quick Links" section of our newsletter.

Employee Spotlight - Diego M. Chupa Ordonez



Meet Diego, our talented PJS artist! Diego grew up in a beautiful place surrounded by scenes of grand mountains and lush green fields yet where poverty and despair is an everyday reality. Diego grew up as an orphan and a farmer in a small village called San Jose Poaquil, Guatemala. He is of Mayan descent belonging to an indigenous group of Guatemalans. While living there Diego spoke a dialect called Cakchiquel. Hoping to find a better way of life for himself and his family Diego migrated to the United States 10 years ago. He first joined the PJS family three years ago when PJS was awarded the account at he worked in. Diego had been a day porter there for a total of 10 years.

What takes you back by this humble and friendly person is his outstanding ability to paint. Diego started painting back in his twenties when he received only six months of training at an Arts School in Guatemala. Many of Diego's paintings are displayed in several floors throughout the building where he is the Day Porter. It all started when Diego, as a token of appreciation, gave an oil painting of a nature scene to the first Property Manager for whom he had worked. The property manager so enjoyed the painting that she displayed it in the main office. That's when Diego began to get requests from other tenants in the building to paint nature landscaping scenes for their offices. In 2010 Diego was given a recognition award and granted an exhibition where he was able to display his art work in the building. During the exhibition Diego sold all his paintings.

Overall Diego has sold over 75 paintings while working as a Day Porter. He paints on weekends and on his free time. Diego loves to give out his paintings to friends and neighbors, however, when he does earn money from selling his paintings, he sends most of his earnings back to his adoptive mother and sister in Guatemala. Diego aspires to continue painting as long as he is able to. He says he loves this country and all he has been able to accomplish here and he feels a special connection to the people he works with and for. Diego also feels that of all the janitorial companies that he has worked for in the past PJS has been the best. At PJS we are proud to have such a dedicated, hardworking, and artistically talented employee be part of the PJS family. Keep up the good work Diego!



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